

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims:

Claim 1 (previously cancelled).

Claim 2 (previously cancelled).

Claim 3 (previously cancelled).

Claim 4 (cancelled).

Claim 5 (cancelled).

Claim 6 (cancelled).

Claim 7 (cancelled).

Claim 8 (cancelled).

Claim 9 (cancelled).

Claim 10 (cancelled).

Claim 11 (cancelled).

Claim 12 (cancelled).

Claim 13 (cancelled).

Claim 14 (cancelled).

Claim 15 (cancelled).

Claim 16 (cancelled).

Claim 17 (cancelled).

Claim 18 (cancelled).

Claim 19 (new). A deer-carrier rack for an all terrain vehicle, comprising:

an attaching frame attached in an upright orientation to an end of an all-terrain vehicle spaced above a surface on which the vehicle is supported, the attaching frame having a lower end and an upper end, the lower end having a generally upstanding face facing outwardly from the vehicle; and

a rigid deer support frame comprising spaced apart left and right generally co-extensive elongate dog leg rods, said rods forming a lever-like lift for lifting a deer between ground level position an upright traveling position secured to the all-terrain vehicle, each of the rods having an axel end and an opposite outer end, the outer end of each of the rods having a length which is at least two times greater than a length of the axel end thereof, said rods having a concave portion connecting said axel end and said opposite outer end, the axel ends of the rods being rotatably attached to the upstanding face of the lower end of the attaching frame for generally upward and downward rotation of the deer support frame relative thereto between a deployed position wherein the axel ends of the rods extend downwardly and outwardly from the lower end of the attaching frame, and an upright position wherein the axel ends of the rods extend upwardly and outwardly from the lower end of the attaching frame, the outer ends of the dog leg rods being angularly related to the axel ends at an obtuse angle such that the axel ends and portions of the outer ends adjacent thereto form said concave portion of the dog leg rods located directly adjacent to the lower end of the attaching frame and oriented so as to face upwardly when the deer support frame is in the deployed position, and so as to face the attaching frame and define and bound a space therebetween when the deer support frame is in the upright position, said concave portion sized to carry and support a deer in said deployed and upright positions, the deer support frame including wing pieces adjacently connected to said concave portion and including elements configured for securing of said deer thereto, said wing pieces and said concave portion forming a generally horizontal support surface for said deer when in said deployed position extending outwardly from the dog leg rods on opposite sides of the concave portion, respectively, directly adjacent to the lower end of the attaching frame, the wing pieces and the concave portion forming a sidewardly extending cradle shaped structure directly adjacent to the lower end of the attaching frame, the cradle shaped structure being configured for receiving and holding a deer against the lower end of the attaching frame in the space defined between the attaching frame and the concave portion when the deer support frame is in the upright position;

wherein when the deer support frame is in the deployed position the outer ends of the dog leg rods will extend at least generally horizontally so as to form an unobstructed generally horizontal platform contiguous with the cradle shaped structure to allow a deer to be loaded onto the platform and positioned against the cradle shaped structure, and wherein the deer support frame with a deer supported thereon positioned against the cradle shaped structure can be rotated upwardly to the upright position such that the cradle shaped structure will contain and hold the deer against the lower end of the attaching frame, and at least one element configured for holding the deer support frame in the upright position with a deer contained and held by the cradle shaped structure.

Claim 20 (new). The deer carrier rack of claim 19, wherein said elements configured for securing of said deer comprise eyelets.

Claim 21 (new). The deer carrier rack of claim 19, wherein each of said dog leg rods is a unitary member.

Claim 22 (new). The deer carrier rack of claim 19, wherein the at least one element configured for holding the deer support frame in the upright position comprises a strap connectable between the deer support frame and the vehicle.

Claim 23 (new). The deer carrier rack of claim 19, wherein said outer end of the deer support frame is rotated over vertical when in the upright position.

Claim 24 (new). The deer carrier rack of claim 19, wherein the attaching frame is adjustably attached to the vehicle.

Claim 25 (new). A deer-carrier rack for an all terrain vehicle, comprising:
an attaching frame attached in an upright orientation to an end of an all-terrain vehicle spaced above a surface on which the vehicle is supported, the attaching frame having a lower end and an upper end, the lower end having a generally flat upstanding face facing outwardly from the vehicle; and

a rigid deer support frame comprising spaced apart left and right generally co-extensive elongate dog leg rods, said rods forming a lever-like lift for lifting a deer between ground level position an upright traveling position secured to the all-terrain vehicle, each of the rods having an axel end and an opposite outer end, the outer end of each of the rods having a length which is at least two times greater than a length of the axel end thereof, said rods having a concave portion connecting said axel end and said opposite outer end, the axel ends of the rods being rotatably attached to the upstanding face of the lower end of the attaching frame for generally upward and downward rotation of the deer support frame relative thereto between a deployed position wherein the axel ends of the rods extend downwardly and outwardly from the lower end of the attaching frame, and an upright position wherein the axel ends of the rods extend upwardly and outwardly from the lower end of the attaching frame, the outer ends of the dog leg rods being angularly related to the axel ends at an obtuse angle such that the axel ends and portions of the outer ends adjacent thereto form said concave portion of the dog leg rods located directly adjacent to the lower end of the attaching frame and oriented so as to face upwardly when the deer support frame is in the deployed position, and so as to face the attaching frame and define and bound a space therebetween when the deer support frame is in the upright position, said concave portion sized to carry and support a deer in said deployed and upright positions, the deer support frame including wing pieces adjacently connected to said concave portion and including eyelets for securing of said deer, said wing pieces and said concave portion forming a generally horizontal support surface for said deer when in said deployed position extending outwardly from the dog leg rods on opposite sides of the concave portion, respectively, directly adjacent to the lower end of the attaching frame, the wing pieces and the concave portion forming a sidewardly extending cradle shaped structure directly adjacent to the lower end of the attaching frame, the cradle shaped structure being configured for receiving and holding a deer against the lower end of the attaching frame in the space defined between the attaching frame and the concave portion when the deer support frame is in the upright position;

wherein when the deer support frame is in the deployed position the outer ends of the dog leg rods will extend at least generally horizontally so as to form an unobstructed generally horizontal platform contiguous with the cradle shaped structure to allow a deer to be loaded onto the platform and positioned against the cradle shaped structure, and wherein the deer support frame with a deer supported thereon positioned against the cradle shaped structure can be rotated upwardly to the upright position such that the cradle shaped structure will contain and hold the

deer against the lower end of the attaching frame, said outer ends being rotated over vertical when in said upright position, and a strap securing said over vertical outer ends to said all-terrain vehicle when said deer support frame is in the upright position.

Claim 26 (new). The deer carrier rack of claim 25, wherein each of said dog leg rods is a unitary member.

Claim 27 (new). The deer carrier rack of claim 25, wherein the attaching frame is adjustably attached to the vehicle.